Explore a Preserved Mayan Village: ***Joya de Cerén***

**Student Handout**



Step 1: Locate the Encarta article, read it, and write a summary

1. Open Microsoft Student. In the top right search box, search for the article entitled “Maya Village Preserved by Volcanic Ash**.**” To learn more about the different ways to search for information in Microsoft Student, read Ways to Search in Microsoft Student.
2. Read the article.
3. Write three statements about what you found most interesting and/or important in this story. Summarize the three points of the article and re-write them in your own words.
4. Save your work.

Read the article “Maya Village Preserved by Volcanic Ash” and write three statements that you found most interesting and/or important about this story. (Summarize and re-write in your own words.)

To find the article, open Microsoft Student 2008 and search for “Maya Village Preserved by Volcanic Ash” in the top right search box.

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Step 2: Locate the village on the map

1. Locate **Joya de Cerén** on the Comprehensive Map using the clues given in the article about its location. Zoom in on it to locate it as specifically as you can.
2. Put a push pin on its location and add the name and a bit of information.

Step 3: Use the timeline to compare Joya de Cerén to other cultures

1. Locate the Mayan village of Joya de Cerén on the timeline.
2. Use the timeline to find an accomplishment of another people or culture that happened about the same time.
3. Describe that culture’s accomplishment in a paragraph.

Step 4: Find out more

1. Search the Internetto find out any other information about Joya de Cerén that may have been discovered in the last 10 years since this article was written. Other than the name of the place, what else might you search on to find scholarly information?
2. Write a paragraph describing the new information that you find that was not included in the article. Be sure to include the URL of your source.